

## REMARKS

This application was originally filed on 31 August 2001 with twenty claims, three of which were written in independent form. Claims 19 and 20 have been allowed. Claims 1-12, 14 and 15 have been canceled, and Claim 13 has been amended by this amendment.

The drawings and disclosure were objected to for a variety of reasons related to the inconsistent numbering of various elements of the drawings. The applicant thanks the Examiner for efforts taken to identify these issues. Numerous locations of the specification and drawings have been amended to overcome this objection. In particular, Figures 5 and 6 have been amended to show elements 44 and 69, respectively.

Claims 13, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,179,426 to Rodriguez Jr., et al. ("Rodriguez"). Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rodriguez in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,798,866 to De Vaan. Claim 14 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The applicant has amended Claim 13, from which Claims 16-18 depend, to include the limitations of Claim 14.

In view of the amendments and the remarks presented herewith, it is believed that the claims currently in the application accord with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are allowable over the prior art of record. Therefore, it is urged that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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